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On September 26th of 2003 Beaverton Police opened an investigation into the disappearance of then 15 year old Michelle (Mimi) Smith. Early into the investigation it became clear that she had left the immediate area accompanied by her 38 year old softball coach Andrew Garver who had not shown up for work for several days and who had emptied some bank accounts.

The F.B.I. quickly joined in the investigation when it became apparent that Garver had most likely left the state in order to avoid prosecution on a charge of custodial interference. Federal charges were secured against Garver.

A local and national search has been ongoing for the last nine months with F.B.I. agents and local detectives fielding calls on reported sightings that came to their attention via individual field offices or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

On June 23rd at about 4P (eastern time) Mimi Smith and Andrew Garver, still in the Oregon stolen Nissan Murano, were involved in a non injury accident in Knoxville, Tennessee. Smith and Garver eventually acknowledged their true identity and were taken into custody. Smith is at a juvenile detention center and Garver is in the county jail.